Sale of duplicate CDs, cassettes, etc.

†3023. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that duplicate CDs, cassettes and other such items are available in abundance in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that the said articles have also been seized in Delhi during the last six months;

(c) ii>so, whether Government are considering to take any concrete step to check the same; and

(d) if so, details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) It has been ascertained from the law enforcement authorities that sometimes duplicate CDs, cassettes and other such items are sold in the market.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Video Piracy etc. is dealt with under the provisions of the Copyright Act, 1957. The responsibility for enforcing the Act rests with the police authorities of the State Government/Union Territory administrations. Copyright enforcement cells have been set up in most of the States/Union Territory administrations headed by a senior police officer to deal with such matters. In the Ministry of I&B, a Committee for Development of the Entertainment Sector, set up as a result of the deliberations of the 24th State Information Ministers' Conference (SIMCON) has also recommended formulation of appropriate training modules for police authorities to train them for anti-piracy work. The Indian Institute of Mass Communication has been entrusted with this task.

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